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| NOFORN- | Not Releasable to Foreign Nationals |
| NOCONTRACT- | Not Releasable to Contractors or Contractor/Consultants |
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28 SEPTEMBER 1984

FIRST DEPLOYMENT OF ROMANIAN TR-80 TANK
MURFATLAR, ROMANIA (TS

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: IMAGERY ANALYSIS, HAS REVEALED THE FIRST OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OF THE NEW ROMANIAN TR-80 TANK. (TS

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IMAGERY REVEALED 45 TR-80 TANKS, 15 T-34 TANKS, AND TWO MT-55 TANK-LAUNCHED BRIDGES IN THE 18TH TANK REGIMENT AT MURFATLAR ARMY BARRACKS 001. PARKING PATTERNS OF THE TANKS AND THE PRESENCE OF ONLY TWO MT-55, INDICATE THAT THIS REGIMENT CONSISTS OF TWO BATTALIONS OF 31 TANKS EACH.

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THIS REGIMENT WAS EQUIPPED WITH 31 SU-100 ASSAULT GUNS AND SEVEN PROBABLE T-34 TANKS. ROMANIAN-BUILT TR-77 TANKS HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THIS REGIMENT BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1982 AND SEPTEMBER 1983. (TS)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- THE TR-80 TANKS AT MURFATLAR 001 APPEAR EXTERNALLY ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THE EARLIER TR-77 TANKS (INSET). THE BASIC TR-80 CHASSIS IS APPROXIMATELY 7 METERS LONG, WITH A T-55 TYPE TURRET MOUNTED FORWARD OF CENTER. THE

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IF THE TR-80 HAS A NEW GUN, IT MAY BE A ROMANIAN-PRODUCED COPY OF THE 125MM GUN USED ON THE SOVIET T-72. THE ROMANIANS HAVE ONE TANK BATTALION EQUIPPED WITH THE T-72. IF THE TR-80 HAS A LARGER ENGINE, IT WOULD CORRECT THE PROBLEM OF INSUFFICIENT POWER THAT PLAGUED THE TR-77. THE TR-80 AT MURFATLAR MAY BE

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PREVIOUSLY PRODUCED TR-77 TANKS WHICH HAVE BEEN RETROFITTED
WITH A NEW ENGINE AND A NEW TURRET/GUN SYSTEM. (TS _____)

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3. _____, COORDINATES 44-10-51N 028-24-56E (S)

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4. ANALYST: _____

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5. COLLATERAL REFERENCES -- DIA, DDB-1100-374-84, WARSAW PACT
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III, JUNE 1983 (S _____) THE EXTRACTED MATERIAL IS CLASSIFIED
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NPIC, IAR-0012/82, Z-14526, DEPLOYMENT AND PRODUCTION OF THE
ROMANIAN M-1978 TANK (S), MARCH 1982 (SWN _____)

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